

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-8, 14-17 and 19-32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 5-8, 14-17, 19-32 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach a method with a compatible apparatus mobile terminal necessary to implement the method, comprising:

a memory for storing history data of cells in which the mobile terminal has operated, including an indication of whether the mobile terminal entered the cell by powering on;

a processor for searching the stored history to locate cells, other than a cell in which the mobile terminal is presently operating, in which the mobile terminal operated in the past but in which the mobile terminal did not power on,

wherein when the processor detects in the stored history a cell in which the mobile terminal did not power on and which has the oldest history, the processor predicts that the mobile terminal will move into the detected cell.

Bahl et al. cited in the previous office action discloses a wireless network to predict both the immediate next cell to be entered by the mobile and the over all or global route of the mobile unit in the wireless cellular network. A prediction engine

tracks the path of the mobile and compares this with previous routes that the mobile has followed as recorded and stored in the memory. However, Bahl et al. fails to teach storing history data of cells with indication of the mobile terminal entered the cell by powering on as well as searching to locate cells in which the mobile terminal did not power on, and lastly detects in the stored history a cell in which the mobile terminal did not power on and which has the oldest history to be the next cell the mobile terminal will move into.

The prior art of record also fails to teach a method with a compatible apparatus mobile terminal necessary to implement the method, comprising:

- a memory for storing history data of cells in which the mobile terminal has operated, including an indication of whether the mobile terminal entered the cell by powering on;

- a processor for searching the stored history to locate cells, other than a cell in which the mobile terminal is presently operating, in which the mobile terminal operated in the past but in which the mobile terminal did not power on,

- wherein when the processor detects in the stored history a cell in which the mobile terminal did not power on and in which the mobile terminal operated the greatest number of time in the past, the processor predicts that the mobile terminal will move into the detected cell.

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Therefore, claims 5-8, 14-17, 19-32 are allowed.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nicholas T. La whose telephone number is (571)-272-8075. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571)-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

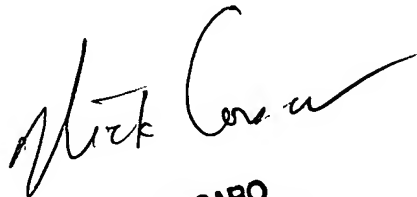
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